## (10) SHANGHAI

# Strengthening Environmental Protection and Promoting the Sustainable Development of Shanghai

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As the economic center of China, Shanghai has a large economy and is enjoying rapid development. Nevertheless, Shanghai has its limitations. These include a high population density with a relatively small land area and environmental capacity. Its economic development and historically unresolved issues are putting mounting strains on the environment. For these reasons, Shanghai must pursue sustainable development and harmony between people and nature through appropriate urban planning and resource efficiency. Shanghai will host the World Exposition 2010 and has chosen "Better City, Better Life" as its theme. This has increased the sense of urgency for Shanghai to become a resource-conserving and environment-friendly city.

- 1. In recent years, Shanghai has adhered to its strategy of sustainable development, and implemented its Three-Year Plan of Action on Environmental Protection with a view to reducing emissions and balancing economic development and environmental conservation.
  - · Shanghai has stepped up industrial restructuring and transformed its economic growth model.
  - Shanghai has put into place improved environmental impact assessments and total pollutant discharge quotas, and has balanced economic development and environmental protection from the ground up.
  - Shanghai has accelerated the building of environmental infrastructure, and pollution has been treated in a cost effective manner.
  - Shanghai has set up innovative environmental protection mechanisms and institutions, and established an environmental regulatory system led by the government and involving the entire society.
- 2. Over the next several years, Shanghai will seize the opportunity of Expo 2010 to develop into a resource-conserving, environmentally-friendly and sustainable city. To that end, the city has been addressing the following issues.
  - Promoting energy conservation and emissions reductions to optimize economic development.
  - Improving ecology of the city through the Three-Year Plan of Action on Environmental Protection.
  - Aspiring to become a model city of environmental protection in China, as a way of promoting environmentally-friendly production and lifestyles

Over the past several years, Shanghai has made constructive forays into balancing socio-economic development and environmental protection. At the 8th Asian-Pacific City Summit, we look forward to learning from the valuable experiences of our Asian counterparts in order to follow a more sustainable path. We hope to present Shanghai as a modern international metropolis which is becoming increasingly prosperous, harmonious and ecologically friendly.

## (11) VLADIVOSTOK

### Introduction of the City of Vladivostok, Russian Far East

Mr. Alexander Zubritskiy Deputy Mayor of Vladivostok City

Since its opening to foreign visitors upon order of the President of the Russian Federation in September 20th, 1991, Vladivostok has intensified its interactions with the Asia-Pacific region and succeeded in building friendly relations with a number of cities. Currently the city is focused on trying to reinforce its ties with the region in terms of foreign trade.

Russian President Medvedev and Prime Minister Putin have pushed forward the construction of a real intellectual technology center in the Russian Far East. Currently the Russian government is discussing the launch of a project to accelerate the transformation of the eastern part of the country to a modern civil society. Vladivostok, a very young city, is one of the few cities in Russia that has undergone a number of transformations in a short period of time.

Vladivostok is blessed with the geographical advantage of being the connecting point between the Asia-Pacific region and mainland Russia. The city is planning to celebrate its 150th anniversary with commemorative events on July 2nd, 2010.

In 2007, the Russian government gave the green light to the Federal Targeted Program Development of the Far-East and Transbaikal through 2013, which has enabled the central government to shoulder the cost of investing in building infrastructure in the region, including the transport and energy sectors. At the same time, the sub-program of Development of Vladivostok as a Center of International Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region (2008-2012) was also approved by the central government, which suggested allocating 280 billion, 156million rubles to the city. Of this, 202.2 billion rubles will be coming from the federal budget and 17.7 billion rubles will come from the Maritime Province. The main objectives of this program are as follows.

- · Reconstruction and upgrading of the airport terminal
- · Construction of a bridge that links an island to the mainland
- Development of infrastructure including roads in the Maritime Province
- Development of infrastructure on Russky Island. Construction of a convention hall with a capacity of 7000 people as a venue for the APEC 2012 meeting

In order to ensure implementation of the program, an organizing committee headed by the Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Schuwalow was established. He also chairs the state committee on socio-economic development of the Far East and Transbaikal region. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to make the region a driving force behind the further expansion of the economy of the Russian Far-East.

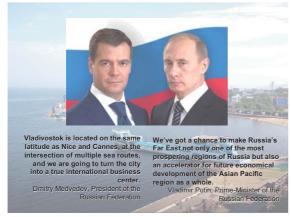
Vladivostok has been selected to host APEC 2012. Prime Minister Putin has said that the Russian government was looking at the APEC summit as a real opportunity to expand cooperation between Vladivostok and its partners in the Asia-Pacific region. The summit is not just a big event, but a springboard to make our city a widely recognized major center of international cooperation



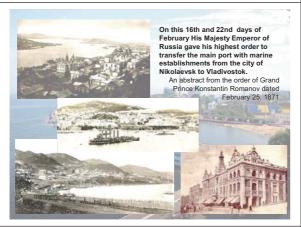
Vladivostok is the city of European culture in the Far East. Today Vladivostok is the only large European city on the Asian coast of the Pacific Ocean. Due to its unique geographical position Vladivostok is meant to be a place that brings various cultures together. This is our historical mission. Igor Pushkaryov,

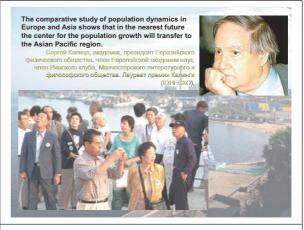
Igor Pushkaryov, Mayor of Vladivostok









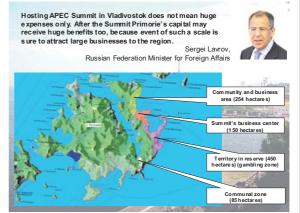




Main objects of the subprogram Developing Viadivostok as an Asian Pacific International Cooperation Center in 2008-2012:

| reconstructing and upgrading Knevichi airport;
| constructing bridges connecting island and land parts of the city as well as Muraviev-Amurski peninsula where Vladivostok is located with the opposite coast of the Ussury Bay;
| developing road infrastructure of Primorsky region;
| developing APEC Forum infrastructure on Russky island including conference hall with a capacity of 7,000 people, 3,4 and 5 star hotels and multi-purpose medical center.;
| Constructing waste treatment facilities;
| Cleaning water areas of the Amur and the Ussury Bays.
| Комплекс обметки прилагающих и Вледивостому мереким салибов.





Far East Federal University is to become not only an institution of higher education but also a kind of dominating intellectual establishment of the region. A center of attraction. An engine for Russia's Far East development. It will become one of the most prominent educational and scientific centers both in Asian Pacific and in the whole world.

Vladimir Putin, Prime-Minister of the Russian Federation



